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SUBJ: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S PLEA ON SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

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1. AT THE PAKISTANI NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION MARCH 23, SOVIET AMBASSADOR PILOTOVICH CAME UP TO ME AND ASKED WHAT WAS NEW. I SAID NOT MUCH. HE ASKED IF I HAD READ BREZHNEV'S SPEECH. I SAID I HAD AND WAS ENCOURAGED TO NOTE THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY SEEMED TO BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN US ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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2. PILOTOVICH SAID IT WAS JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. "WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VISIT," HE SAID, "AND GREATLY HOPE THAT, IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR OFFICIALS, COMMON GROUND WILL BE FOUND FOR AGREEMENT AND FOR THE CONDUCT OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO WASTE OUR TIME IN

FUTILE ARGUMENTS. IN MOSCOW, WE SET A GREAT DEALY OF STORE BY REACHING AGREEMENTS WITH YOU."

3. I SAID THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY WERE COUNTING ON A SERIOUS, BUSINESSLIKE, AND FRUITFUL VISIT. WE DRANK A TOAST TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT.

4. COMMENT: I WAS SURPRISED BY THE ALMOST PLEADING CHARACTER OF PILOTOVICH'S LATEST PRESENTATION. IN CONTRAST TO OUR MARCH 3 DISCUSSION, HE AVOIDED ANYTHING THAT MIGHT GIVE RISE TO ARGUMENT AND CONCENTRATED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE EXPRESSION OF HOPES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT. END COMMENT.

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